Jerry Lorz, 95, of Fargo, ND, passed away on Thursday, October 15, 2026 at the VA Hospital in Fargo, ND.

Gerald "Jerry" Theodore Lorz was born on April 16, 1931, in Harvey, North Dakota, where he was baptized. In 1938, at the age of seven, Jerry and his family moved to Fargo, North Dakota, where he was later confirmed at First Lutheran Church. He graduated from Fargo Central High School in 1949.

On September 14, 1952, Jerry married his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Bonnie Presting, at First Lutheran Church in Fargo. Together, they made Fargo their lifelong home, where they raised their two children, Brian and Pam. Bonnie preceded Jerry in death on June 3, 2015.

Jerry served in the United States Army in 1952. He was a member of The American Legion and a past member of the Elks and Eagles.

Jerry spent his entire working career in sales. He began as a shoe salesman at S & L Department Store, R & G Bootery, and Waterman's Department Store. In 1963, he entered the food brokerage business with L.S. Sorem and Associates, where he continued working until his retirement in 1995. Following his retirement, Jerry worked part-time for Forum Communications for many years.

Jerry was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 63 years, Bonnie; his parents; his sisters, Lila Cockhill and Barbara (Vern) Useldinger; and daughter-in-law, Lana Lorz.

He is survived by his children, Brian Lorz of Fargo, ND, and Pamela (Wayne) Bakken of Pelican Rapids, MN; his grandchildren, Trevor (Angie Lorshbough) Bakken of Fargo, ND, and Jenna (Brian) Clark of Dayton, MN; and great-grandchildren, Cooper and Cameron.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be designated to First Lutheran Church or the VA Hospital, both in Fargo.

In Loving *Memory*



Gerald “Jerry” Lorz

April 16, 1931 - October 15, 2026

His Journey's Just Begun

Don't think of him as gone away,
his journey's just begun
Life holds so many facets,
this earth is only one.
Just think of him as resting
from the sorrows and the tears
In a place of warmth and comfort
where there are no days or years.
Think how he must be wishing
that we could know today
How nothing but our sadness,
can really pass away.
And think of him as living
in the hearts of those he touched
For nothing loved is ever lost
and he was loved so much.

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Cremation • Burial

Memorial Service
Thursday, October 29, 2026 - 11:00 AM
First Lutheran Church - Fargo, North Dakota

Pastor Marty Tollefson, *Officiant*
Bill Tweten, *Accompanist* Laura Hagen, *Vocalist*

Congregational Hymns
"Children of the Heavenly Father" #474
"Amazing Grace" #448

Special Music
"On Eagle's Wings" "The Lord's Prayer"

Honorary Pallbearers
Trevor Bakken - Jenna Clark - Brenda Kerbaugh
Karen Bakken - Tom Useldinger - Bruce Cockhill
Jackie Bates - Cindy Ketler - Kim Brewer - Deb Seaburg

Military Honors
Fargo Memorial Honor Guard
ND Military Funeral Honors Team

Interment
Fargo National Cemetery - 2:00 PM
Harwood, North Dakota

Jerry's family would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all our family and friends for all the kind words, thoughts, hugs, and prayers. We are deeply touched by all the love and support.

All are invited to a luncheon following the service.